

Scotland's Colleges Governance Programme - Continual Improvement Evaluation Review - Tuesday 22 September 2009 at Stevenson College Edinburgh

Section 1: You

1. The overall aim of the Conference/Workshop was to encourage a supportive but challenging culture of continuous improvement through board dynamics; staff relations; reviewing quality and standards; induction and succession planning and performance monitoring. This aim was, broadly:

Achieved		7	88%
Not Achieved		1	12%
Total		8	100%

2. Please provide any specific comments on the aim of the conference/workshop.

2 Responses

I had hoped that we would get more examples of specific ways in making a Board great, rather than just talking about the need for continual improvement.

I know that one of our Board Members was not impressed that we started late. These are very busy people and we need to maximise their time when they are giving us time.

As a returning board member after 4 years absence the change was monumental!

3. My participation had value in: (select all that apply)

raising my awareness of the topic (ie better prepared for the future)		3	38%
confirming my understanding of the topic (ie adding to my confidence)		6	75%
enhancing my understanding of the topic (ie changing my practice)		4	50%
Other, (please specify)		1	12%

I did not feel that I personally learned anything

4. My participation will impact upon: (select all that apply)

setting and/or achievement of strategic targets		6	86%
setting and/or achievement of operational targets		2	29%
setting and/or achievement of professional development targets		3	43%
Other, (please specify)		2	29%

Developing Board evaluation

Challenging executive in all of above.

5. My participation will enable me to: (select all that apply)			
contribute more fully to discussions on the topic		4	57%
promote changes in the practice of others		3	43%
deal with impending changes impacting upon my job		0	0%
prepare for likely future changes which will impact upon my job		1	14%
Other, (please specify)		1	14%

As I am staff the last 2 items = conflict points

6. My participation is likely to lead to improvements in: (select all that apply)			
job performance		3	43%
performance of the team I largely work with		4	57%
job satisfaction through more secure understanding of the topic		2	29%
the learner experience		1	14%
Other, (please specify)		1	14%

Communication at all levels

Section 2: Presenters

Session One – The Challenge of Excellence

7. Do you think you will use the content from the session?			
Immediately		3	43%
In the future		3	43%
Unlikely		0	0%
Definitely Not		1	14%
Total		7	100%

8. How would you rate the delivery of the session?			
Very Good		2	29%
Good		3	43%
Fair		2	29%
Unsatisfactory		0	0%
Total		7	100%

Session Two – What Is Quality?

9. Do you think you will use the content from the session?			
Immediately		1	17%
In the future		4	67%
Unlikely		0	0%
Definitely Not		1	17%
Total		6	100%

10. How would you rate the delivery of the session?			
Very Good		2	29%
Good		3	43%
Fair		2	29%
Unsatisfactory		0	0%
Total		7	100%

Session Three – Maintaining Board Quality

11. Do you think you will use the content from the session?			
Immediately		3	50%
In the future		2	33%
Unlikely		0	0%
Definitely Not		1	17%
Total		6	100%

12. How would you rate the delivery of the session?			
Very Good		1	20%
Good		3	60%
Fair		1	20%
Unsatisfactory		0	0%
Total		5	100%

Session Four – Board Dynamics

13. Do you think you will use the content from the session?			
Immediately		1	20%
In the future		3	60%
Unlikely		0	0%
Definitely Not		1	20%
Total		5	100%

14. How would you rate the delivery of the session?			
Very Good		2	33%
Good		3	50%
Fair		1	17%
Unsatisfactory		0	0%
Total		6	100%

Evaluation and Round-Up

15. Do you think you will use the content from the session?			
Immediately		2	29%
In the future		4	57%
Unlikely		0	0%
Definitely Not		1	14%
Total		7	100%

16. How would you rate the delivery of the session?			
Very Good		2	29%
Good		4	57%
Fair		1	14%
Unsatisfactory		0	0%
Total		7	100%

17. Please provide any specific comments on the presentations.
4 Responses

The presenter was competent I think the content was too low level and not challenging

The presentations were professional but could have been tailored more to the college situation.

Good presentations over a busy day, managing to keep interest to the end.

Very worthwhile

I did not attend all sessions - just the Quality one but found it very valuable.

Section 3: Us

18. It would be helpful in our future planning if you were able to provide suggestions of further related topics.
2 Responses

\future events should focus on specific issues as requested from the sector and should be facilitated from within the sector.

Audit & finance - what should the board member be questioning & aware of?

19. How would you rate the domestic arrangements:			
Very Good		0	0%
Good		4	57%
Fair		3	43%
Unsatisfactory		0	0%
Total		7	100%

20. Please provide any specific comments on domestic arrangements.
3 Responses

Happy with the arrangements and food provided good & adequate

We were late in starting because things were not set up sufficiently in advance. We did not have water provided and had to ask for this. Otherwise, the food was very good and the room quite suitable.

Joining instructions and reception were very unclear about the event and lists of attendees were incomplete.

21. Please provide any additional comments on the conference/workshop.

2 Responses

More time needed for group discussion.

Many of our Board Members are now very experienced in governance and we need to ensure that sessions like this add to that knowledge and not go over things at a fairly basic level, thus maximising their time.

22. How did you travel to this conference/workshop?

Own Car	3	43%
Hired Car/College Car	0	0%
Taxi	0	0%
Train	2	29%
Bus	1	14%
Cycle	0	0%
Walk	1	14%
Other (please specify)	0	0%

23. Please select which type of events you would be interested in attending in the future. (select all that apply)

Access	0	0%
Communities of Practice	3	50%
E-college	0	0%
Leadership and Professional Development	3	50%
Learning Process	0	0%
Professional Learning	0	0%
Qualifications and Achievement	1	17%
Quality Enhancement	1	17%
Scotland's Colleges Annual Conference and Awards	3	50%
Scotland's Colleges International	2	33%
Subject Networks	1	17%

24. Please type below your name and email address if you would like to be added to the ezine mailing lists for the events selected above.

2 Responses